

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides assistance/ incentives to the State Governments to implement Population Control Programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether some States have implemented the policy of two-child norm;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the States which recorded the least and the highest population growth rate in the country considering the ratio of population as per the last census?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b):- Yes, Sir. The Government is providing Central assistance to the States/UTs under National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) and second phase of Reproductive and Child Health(RCH) programme for implementation of various family welfare schemes to achieve population stabilisation in the country. The statement indicating State/UT-wise funds released under these schemes is given at Annexure.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir, in spite of non-coercive approach and spirit of voluntarism envisaged in National Population Policy,2000, some States have gone ahead with adoption of two child norm for elected members of local self bodies viz. Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharastra, Rajasthan, Orissa and Delhi. The States of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh have withdrawn the legislation on two-child norm in their respective States.

(e) According to 2001 census findings, highest decadal growth rate was recorded in Nagaland (64.53%), Dadra and Nagar Haveli(59.22%) and Daman and Diu(55.73%). The lowest decadal growth rate was recorded in Kerala(9.43%), Tamil Nadu(11.72%) and Andhra Pradesh(14.59%).